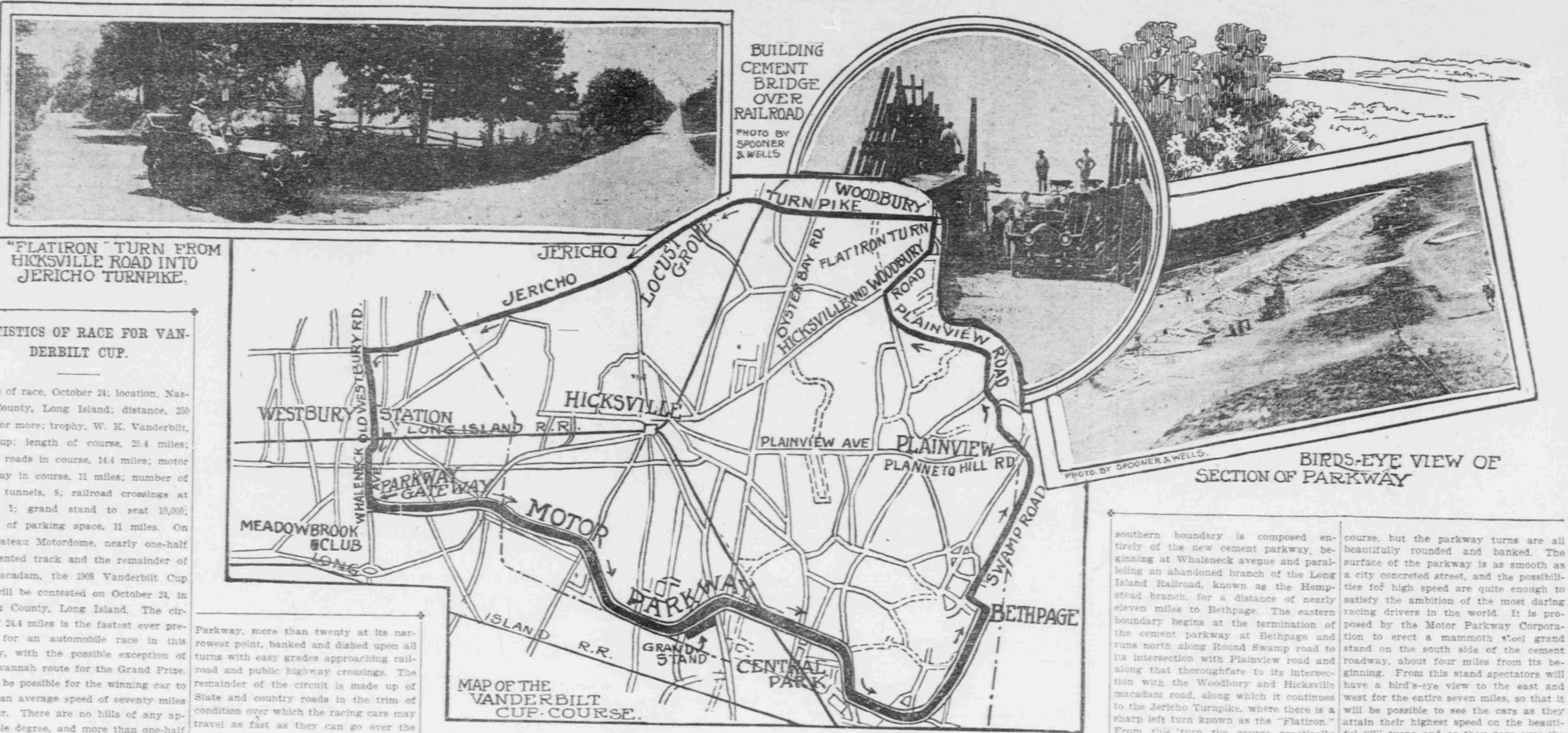


PREPARING COURSE FOR CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE RACE FOR VANDERBILT CUP.



STATISTICS OF RACE FOR VANDERBILT CUP.

Date of race, October 24; location, Nassau County, Long Island; distance, 250 miles or more; trophy, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Cup; length of course, 25.4 miles; public roads in course, 14.4 miles; motor parkway in course, 11 miles; number of sharp turns, 8; railroad crossings at grade, 1; grand stand to seat 10,000; length of parking space, 11 miles. On the Plateau Motordome, nearly one-half of the circuit is the fastest ever prepared for an automobile race in this country, with the possible exception of the Savannah route for the Grand Prix. It will be possible for the winning car to attain an average speed of seventy miles an hour. There are no hills of any appreciable degree, and more than one-half of the circuit is slightly down grade. The other half is practically on the level, including seven miles of the Long Island

Parkway, more than twenty at its narrowest point, banked and dished upon all turns with easy grades approaching railroad and public highway crossings. The remainder of the circuit is made up of State and country roads in the trim of condition over which the racing cars may travel as fast as they can go over the completed section of the parkway. The northern boundary of the course, the Jericho Turnpike, begins at the old Westbury road, about three miles east of

Krug's corner, and running ten miles east to the intersection of the Woodbury and Hicksville macadam road. The west-

ern boundary is composed of a portion of the old Westbury road running south from the Jericho Turnpike to the old

Country road, about an eighth of a mile to Whaleneck avenue, then south to the beginning of the Motor Parkway. The

southern boundary is composed entirely of the new cement parkway, beginning at Whaleneck avenue and paralleling an abandoned branch of the Long Island Railroad, known as the Hempstead branch, for a distance of nearly eleven miles to Bethpage. The eastern boundary begins at the termination of the cement parkway at Bethpage and runs north along Round Swamp road to its intersection with Plainview road and along that thoroughfare to its intersection with the Woodbury and Hicksville macadam road, along which it continues to the Jericho Turnpike, where there is a sharp left turn known as the "Flatiron". From this turn the course practically

coasts westward on Jericho Turnpike for ten miles back to the old Westbury road and thence south to the beginning of the parkway. There are eight sharp turns on the State and country roads of the course, but the parkway turns are all beautifully rounded and banked. The surface of the parkway is as smooth as a city concrete street, and the possibilities for high speed are quite enough to satisfy the ambition of the most daring racing drivers in the world. It is proposed by the Motor Parkway Corporation to erect a mammoth steel grand stand on the south side of the cement roadway, about four miles from its beginning. From this stand spectators will have a bird's-eye view to the east and west for the entire seven miles, so that it will be possible to see the cars as they attain their highest speed on the beautiful "S" turns and as they pass over the graded viaducts crossing the railroad and intersecting public highways. In extent this grand stand view will be about ten times greater than at any previous Vanderbilt race.

GOSSIP OF THE AUTOS

Fast Time Is Expected in the Vanderbilt Race.

MAY AVERAGE 70 MILES HOUR

With More Than Half the Course on a Slight Downward Grade and Practically No Hills to Climb, Experts Expect to See New Records Hung Up in Long Island Event.

It is now certain that the course for the Vanderbilt Cup race, which will be held on Long Island on October 19 and 24, the elimination coming on the former date, will be the greatest in the world. It will be possible for the winning car to attain an average speed of fully seventy miles an hour, something never before possible in any road race of any length. There are no hills of any appreciable steepness, and more than one-half of the circuit is slightly down grade. The other half is practically a dead level, including eleven miles of specially laid cement highway, more than twenty at its narrowest point, banked and dished upon all turns, with easy grades approaching railroad and public highway crossings.

The rest of the circuit is composed of State and country roads, which in the best of condition, and over which the racing cars can travel equally as fast as they can over the cement parkway.

There are eight sharp turns on the State and country roads portion of the course, but the parkway turns are all beautifully rounded and banked. The surface of the cement is as smooth as a city concrete street, and the possibilities for high speed are quite enough to satisfy the ambition of the most daring auto driver in the world. It is proposed by the Motor Parkway Corporation to erect a mammoth steel grand stand on the south side of the cement roadway about four miles from its beginning. From this stand spectators will have a very fine view to the east and west for the entire seven miles, so that it will be possible to see the cars as they attain their highest speed on the beautiful "S" turns, and as they pass over the graded viaducts crossing the railroad and intersecting public highways. In extent this grand stand view will be about ten times greater than at any previous Vanderbilt race.

The new course might aptly be termed the "Plateau Racing Course." The first impression of the visitor is that he would like to be up in a balloon a few hundred feet and see the entire circuit. This would be quite possible, because of the almost monotonous flatness of that section of Long Island. Beginning at the Jericho turnpike and the old Westbury road, the course sweeps through the famous Hempstead Plain country, where there is not a vestige of shrubbery or any need to mar the vision. All of the cement way passes through a country of the same character—nothing is in sight save the low meadow grass and an occasional kind-fingering cow grazing upon the same.

A. R. D. Smith, State motor vehicle commissioner of New Jersey, has informed the Motor County board of freeholders that his department cannot detail men to perform police duties and prevent automobile drivers from speeding their cars. In his reply to the request of the freeholders that he take some steps

to stop fast driving, Commissioner Smith replied as follows: "I beg to assure you that the department has suppressed and will continue to suppress the use of its power, vested in it by law, to suppress the abuses attending the use of motor vehicles. Your committee, however, seems to have overlooked the fact that the law places the burden of policing the ground upon the municipal and county authorities. Our State does not undertake to preserve the peace of the different localities, except, of course, in those special cases where the aid of the militia becomes necessary, and while the limited number of inspectors—there being only ten paid and twenty volunteer—can be of assistance to the motor vehicle law, as vested with the power to arrest for motor vehicle violation, their duties primarily are to advise and co-operate with the local police establishments and county officers for the purpose of securing uniformity of action to investigate complaints of violation of the law made to the department, and report their findings for the purpose of determining whether licenses should be revoked, and to investigate with reference to the carrying of identification marks and certificates. A statute which provides for only ten persons for the whole State, vested with the power of arrest, should direct that they should be charged with the entire pertaining to the speed regulations without power, however, even if we desired to do so, to usurp the work of the county and municipal authorities."

S. M. Butler, secretary of the Automobile Club of America, recently confirmed the report that the organization would hold a 200-mile road race for light cars over the Savannah circuit next November. The board of governors has approved the project, and it is expected that the contest committee will announce further details at a meeting to be held later in the week. The minimum weight limit will be 300 pounds and for each cylinder engine the bore of each cylinder must not exceed 3 1/2 inches, or an equivalent in square inches for motors of a different number of cylinders. One cylinder, 3 1/2 inches; two cylinders, 3.06 inches; four cylinders, 2 1/2 inches; six cylinders, 2.06 inches; eight cylinders, 1.66 inches. For two-cylinder engines as follows: One cylinder, 6.35 inches; two cylinders, 4.5 inches; three cylinders, 3.65 inches; four cylinders, 3.18 inches; six cylinders, 2.58 inches; eight cylinders, 2.24 inches.

Yankee ingenuity has found a new means of utilizing an automobile, and a young farmer who lives in Connecticut has devised a way in which an automobile can be used in ways which were never dreamed of by the maker. By an ingenious adjustment he utilizes his horsepower car for sawing wood, baling hay, plowing, and many other stunts. Last winter he saved nearly \$400 tons of hay, and with it. In four days he has saved forty cords of wood, and is kept so busy that he has now purchased another automobile of larger power, and expects to keep both in constant use.

A decision by the Appellate Court of New York that the owner of an automobile cannot be sued when his chauffeur, out on a "joy ride," runs down a pedestrian, sets an important precedent for motorists throughout the United States. It is also in sharp contrast with a recent decision by a French court, which held the owner liable for an accident, although his machine was supposedly being repaired at the garage at the time. According to the American case, the American manufacturers are doing good business in Europe, largely because of good methods of constructing in a big series enables them to sell at prices French makers cannot touch.

After being given a test ride by the members of the Sacramento (Cal.) Motor Club, members of the city board of trustees were unanimous in their opinion that an eight-mile limit is too slow for speed in business sections.

GROUNDERS FROM THE DIAMOND

Freddie Parent was a way off in his fielding and throwing.

George McBride had a good day with the stick, polling three singles and a double.

The Pittsburgh Buccaners have beaten the Chicago Cubs ten times this year in seven games played.

One Association pitcher seems to have discovered Charlie Hickman's weakness. He was unable to get a hit off Swann, of Kansas City.

An unkind New York critic says the fans there will attend the Highlanders games merely to watch the posting of the Giants' scores.

Mike Kelley's showing with St. Paul since he took hold is an illustration of what even tail-enders can do under a peppery and intelligent leadership.

The story that there is dissension in the ranks of the Columbus team, especially among the pitchers, owing to the fact that the pitcher does not want to work for Catcher James, is ridiculous by the Columbus players and Manager Cuyler.

It is reported that Karger, the St. Louis Cardinals' left-hander, is so disgruntled because Manager McCloskey won't trade him that he has sent the St. Louis management notice that he will not stay with the team any longer than ten days.

Joe Wood, the American Association pitching phenom, purchased by the Boston Red Sox, is only nineteen years old. He was seventeen when he pitched his first professional game with the Hutchinson (Kans.) team of the Western Association.

Umpire Dan Crotty, veteran player, who accused President Craighead, of the Arkansas State League, of issuing orders by telegram to favor a certain club ruling on championship, has been suspended.

It is understood that Pitcher Larry Pope, of the Brewers, who is to be sold to the Boston Americans, will be the means of landing two players in Milwaukee in return. The management wants cash consideration and either two players in return, or a pitcher and a fielder if possible.

The Boston Americans have recalled Oedick, Glaze, and Donohoe from Providence. Speaker from Little Rock, Pitcher Robertson from Clinton, Iowa, Barden and Danzig from Portland, Ore., and Gardner from Lynn. These men have all proved worthy of another trial in fast company.

Weldon Henley, who pitches for the Rochester club of the Eastern League, was on the slab against Newark and let the Indians down with a single hit. When Henley in form it is said that he is a twister of major league class. This showing would indicate such to be the case.

It is said the reason Connie Mack let go of Sid Smith is because of the fact that the catcher is so hard to manage. He pays scant attention to training rules, and not only transgresses himself, but takes other members of his team along. After such a long experience with George Edward Waddell, a simple case like that of Smith should be easy for Connie.

The Sox went twenty-one innings without scoring on the Nationals. Cantillon plans to pitch Eli Cates against the White Sox to-morrow.

The Philadelphia National League club continued its good work by trimming the Chicago Cubs.

Jesse Tannehill and Otis Clymer each made a hit on the occasion when sent in as relief hitters.

Bert Keesley seemed to improve as he went along until he reached the fatal fifteenth and was beaten.

Boston defeated Detroit, but Hughie's hand still has a big lead in the league, with St. Louis dropping back.

The Naps had a hard time beating the Highlanders, but they finally succeeded in getting an extra run across the plate.

Toledo is after Harry Bay, now of the Nashville, Tenn., to head the batting list next summer. As Cleveland has a string on Bay, it is more than likely that Armour can get the man if he really wants him.

Jackie Atz has made quite a rep as a pinch hitter, but no clout of his was ever more timely than yesterday, when he hit the Nationals' ace, who is a single in the fifteenth inning.

There was considerable excitement at National Park yesterday just before the game, when some one shouted that the shipwreck could be seen. Everybody stood up and took a look, and most of the players left the field and went behind the grand stand, but all were disappointed.

Until the games at Philadelphia the Chicago Cubs looked good; since then a new element has entered the team. For the first time in three years there is personal soreness between some of the players and accusations of "knocking" Manager Schmitz.

George Simmonds, a South Brooklyn boy, playing with the New Haven team of the Connecticut League, is the latest capture of "Big Dan" Brotherton, who has been scouting for Manager McGraw.

The all-star team of the major leagues in baseball, in fact, the score boards show some days half a dozen pairs in the points whose names begin with the same initial. For instance, there is Smith and either Sullivan or Shaw, of the White Sox, while Comiskey could pair Welch or Weaver. Cleveland has Chesh or Clarke, or Berger and Bender to offer.

Washington has Smith and Street, and they could also give the fans Kelley and Kahoe. Now that McAleer has traded his season next month, but he will go South with the team next season and receive a thorough trial.

GOOD TEAM FOR MICHIGAN.

Yost Expects to Develop Gridiron Winner at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 15.—Fielding H. Yost, coach of the University of Michigan football eleven, has picked another successful season in the football world, and could see nothing but Michigan in the Middle West as a gridiron power, despite the fact that a number of the Wolverines' star players were lost by graduation.

Yost says much about the situation at Michigan, except that we will have another good team, he said. "Absolutely no doubt about it. We held a short spring practice this year, with a view of getting something of a line on next year's material. You know we had no freshmen team last year, and it will be a pretty hard job to secure likely timber from the last year ranks. Of course, Michigan will again be out of the Western conference, and we will have to develop men to take their place. Schultz, our great center, will be captain of the conference in him.

"As a general thing, I think the season of 1908 will be a most successful one. The coaches and players are now more familiar with the new rules after a try-out of two years, and I look for some remarkably fast work on the field this fall. It is impossible to say much about the Eastern teams just now, for it's pretty early to be talking football."

MINOR LEAGUES.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.
At New Orleans—New Orleans, 4; Memphis, 1.
At Nashville—Nashville, 3; Atlanta, 1.
At Mobile—Little Rock, 2; Mobile, 1.
At Montgomery—Montgomery, 3; Birmingham, 1.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE.
At Springfield—First game: Springfield, 2; Bridgeport, 2. Second game: Springfield, 7; Bridgeport, 6.
At New Haven—Hartford, 5; New Haven, 4 (11 innings).
At Waterbury—Waterbury, 4; Holyoke, 1.
At Meriden—New Britain, 5; Meriden, 1.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 1; Indianapolis, 6.
At St. Paul—Louisville, 7; St. Paul, 4.
At Kansas City—Columbus, 6; Kansas City, 4.
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 6; Toledo, 1.

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE.
At Utica—Troy, 5; Utica, 3.
At Saratoga—Saratoga, 4; Saratoga, 5.
At Elmira—First game: Albany, 1; Elmira, 6. Second game: Albany, 3; Elmira, 4.
At Wilkes-Barre—Binghamton, 8; Wilkes-Barre, 4.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.
At Fall River—New Bedford, 3; Fall River, 1.
At Lowell—Lowell, 4; Worcester, 2.
At Lynn—Lynn, 3; Lynn, 4.
At Lynn—First game: Lynn, 3; Brockton, 1. Second game: Lynn, 3; Brockton, 4.

AUTOMOBILE WINS FEATURE.

Finishes in Front in Class A Event at the Rappley Track.

A large crowd witnessed yesterday afternoon the second of the series of races over the Rappley track, Montgomery County, inaugurated by the Avenel Driving Club.

Autoville, driven by Edward Daniels, of Berwyn, Prince George County, won the Class A event in straight heats.

Prince Alto was never headed in the Class C race. In the Class D event Blaine and Jessie Gould each won a heat, while the lateness of the hour caused a suspension of hostilities.

Dora Bell, in the second heat of the Class A event, tripped in her hopes and fell, throwing her driver over her and bruising his head.

Mrs. John Javins, of Washington, gave a fine exhibition of her rearing ability by driving the pacing gelding, Robin Hood, a fast but unsteady wagon. At the finish, while turning into the infield, the axle of the wagon broke, throwing Mrs. Javins to the ground. The animal jerked the reins from her hands as she fell, and reduced the wagon to kindling wood.

T. C. Taylor, of Washington, exhibited his saddle stallion Lee, the handsome animal going through all the gaits at the command of his rider. The summaries:

Class A—Mile heat, best three in five.
Autoville, E. Daniels, 1:11.1
Blaine, E. Daniels, 1:12.1
Jessie Gould, E. Daniels, 1:13.1
Class B—Mile heat, best three in five.
Blaine, E. Daniels, 1:14.1
Jessie Gould, E. Daniels, 1:15.1
Class C—Mile heat, best three in five.
Blaine, E. Daniels, 1:16.1
Jessie Gould, E. Daniels, 1:17.1
Class D—Mile heat, best three in five.
Blaine, E. Daniels, 1:18.1
Jessie Gould, E. Daniels, 1:19.1

RECORD FOR OHIO TWILIER.
Lancaster Leads Ohio State League by Margin of Fifty Points.

Lancaster, Ohio, Aug. 15.—For a pitcher to get away with one no-hit game in a season is a feat. To pitch two such games in a season is a distinction not one twirler in a thousand can ever hope to claim.

The feat has been accomplished by Walter Justus, of the Lancaster team in the Ohio State League, and as the season is less than two-thirds completed, he may make his record three before the playing year ends. The way he is going, there seems no good reason why he should not turn the trick.

Justus shut out the Mansfield (Ohio) team July 19 without a hit, and repeated the feat against the same team August 1. In the former game only three balls were hit to the outfield, and in the latter only two. Justus pitched a one-hit game against Lima, Ohio, July 19, and has worked two no-hit games and two three-hit games this year. Altogether, this makes a record for four months' work that is probably without a parallel in baseball. The average number of hits off him per game is approximately five and one-half.

Reid Wilcox, another Lancaster pitcher, has pitched a no-hit game, a one-hit game, and three two-hit games. Blinn Mock, a third Lancaster twirler, a southpaw, has pitched a no-hit game, a two-hit game, and a three-hit game.

OLYMPICIS DEFENDED

Briton Says American Critics Are Ignorant of Rules.

COMPLAINT NOT JUSTIFIED

London Authorities Aim at Movement to Discuss International Rules for Future Games—Sporting Life Favors Plan to Reach Fair Basis for Contests—Other Views.

London, Aug. 15.—Theodore Cook, a member of the British Olympic Council, has sent a long communication to the newspapers of London stating that as the criticisms from America on the 40-meter race at the Olympic games appear to be based on an ignorance of facts, he has deemed it advisable to give the exact facts on which the decision was based. He then gives the statements of the various officials of the amateur athletic association who acted as starters, umpires, etc., and the evidence presented at the inquiry after the race showing that all the starters in the race were warned at the start that watchers had been placed around the track and that any willful jostling would result in the race being declared void. Mr. Cook, commenting on this official evidence, says:

"The only question that can be raised is whether the Olympic games should have been held under American or English rules. It was not open for the American athletes to appeal for American rules after entering under English rules. All I can say is that after our experience with what the American code appears to permit, no English athlete is likely to accept it as a fair basis for international competition."

Should Compile Code.

Commenting on Mr. Cook's statement, Sporting Life writes that it is necessary to compile for future Olympics a complete code of regulations covering every branch of sports after consulting all constituent countries that are to send contenders. The paper says that Mr. Cook's argument that everything possible had been done fails to meet the case, because the published rules issued to the American team were not sufficiently exhaustive to cover many incidents which occurred during the games.

Instanting many points where the rules failed and where they could be improved or modified, Sporting Life urges the British Olympic council to initiate a movement for international rules by frank and free discussion with foreign committees, and with an absence of the desire to press the English rules on foreigners.

Collegian Teaches Boxing.

Detroit, Aug. 15.—Walter Rheinschild, the crack player on the football team of the University of Michigan, is at present an instructor of the manly art of self-defense, with his "studio" in Paris. It isn't for pleasure he does it, but he has a great desire to see the Olympic games, and after getting to England on a cattle steamer, and being present to see the American team with the track and field championship, he decided to refresh his arms as a new instructor. He intends to return home this fall, however, as he says the country does not suit him at all.

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